

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2005, the Examiner restricted claims 1-27 between two groups. Specifically, the Examiner restricted the claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-16 and 22 as being drawn to a reel/tape drive with a reel, classified in class 242, subclass 332.4; and

Group II: Claims 17-21 and 23-27 as being drawn to a method for winding magnetic tape, classified in class 242, subclass 332-1.

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Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6 and 22. In view of this election, Applicants have cancelled claims 17-21 and 23-27 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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